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THREE CENTS

## Arrange Ice Carnival With Full Program

Another ice carnival has been arranged to be held on the skating rink near the Congregational Church. The date has been set for Saturday, February 10, at 2:30 o'clock. A committee consisting of Ross L. Spencer, chairman, Gene Cullom, Frank W. Pearsall, Mildred Addison, Charles L. Johnson, Leander Kirk, George W. Leonard and Chester Parker will have the affair in charge. There will be many skating events with opportunity for young and old and some prizes will be offered. Many contests will be planned but there will be no out-of-town showings of fancy skating. If the weather on the 10th is unfavorable a postponement will be made. Provision will be made for on-lookers.

## Cub Scouts Active

Before a group of mothers, "Cub" officials and Grange members, the "subs" of Northfield held a gathering at Center School Wednesday afternoon, January 24, to hear an address on the care and use of tools given by Harley Leland of the County Extension Service. The speaker was introduced by Charles Olds, cubmaster. All

## Founders Day Here To Be Observed

Founder's Day will be celebrated here Monday to commemorate the 108th birthday of D. L. Moody, who started Northfield School for Girls and Mount Hermon School for boys. Classes will be suspended for the day and the traditional program of fun and feasting will be followed, at least to the extent that war conditions permit.

Chapel services will be held at Hermon at 8 A. M. and Northfield at 10:45, when Dr. James L. McConaughy, Mount Hermon '05, former president of Wesleyan and now president of United China Relief, will deliver the annual Founder's Day address. Dr. McConaughy was born at Mount Hermon, where his father was head of the school's Bible department.

At Northfield the senior ski picnic will be held at noon and a banquet for the entire school at 6 o'clock. A full day's program of sports has been planned for the boys at Hermon, with the banquet at 1 o'clock and a movie in the evening.

members of the "cubs" attended and they are enthusiastic over their organization.

## Carleton Bigelow Dies Was Struck By Auto

Carleton E. Bigelow of Portsmouth, N. H., whose wife was the former Ruth Bigelow of this town, was instantly killed Monday, January 22, when struck by an auto on the highway there returning from work at the Navy Yard. He was the son of William and Cora Bigelow and formerly resided in Turners Falls. Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter and four sons. Funeral services were held in Portsmouth and the body was brought to Northfield for burial in the Center Cemetery. Harold Bigelow of the East Northfield Post-office was his brother-in-law.

## James Lahey Dies

James W. Lahey, who has made his home at Valley Vista Inn for the past 11 years, died there Wednesday, January 24, at the age of 87 years. He was born in Brooklyn, the son of James W. and Margaret Lahey and is survived by a son, Harold W. Lahey of New York City. He was a brother of Mrs. Alexander Irvine of Brooklyn, who for many years has been a summer resident of this community. Funeral services and burial were in Brooklyn.

## Telephones In Area Expansion Later

In the area that includes the Greenfield exchange and the neighboring exchanges of Northfield, Bernardston, South Deerfield, Turners Falls and Millers Falls there are today approximately 8,900 telephones in service, more than at any other time in history.

Yet, if it were not for wartime shortages and restrictions which still prevent prompt installation of all new telephones requested the number of working telephones in the area would be higher by 362.

That figure, according to Mr. Spencer, manager of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, represents the latest count of

unfilled orders on the waiting list in the area.

As pretty generally known, this situation is not peculiar to the exchanges of this locality. It exists in practically every community in the United States.

When telephone facilities will become plentiful is as unpredictable as when the war will end, according to Mr. Spencer. While the manufacture of telephone instruments on a limited scale has been resumed by permission of the WPB, he said that the return of what might be called normal conditions will most likely be a long time coming. In the meantime, his company's most important objective is to continue to utilize every part of telephone plant to its fullest capacity and to distribute the use of existing facilities among the largest possible group of users.

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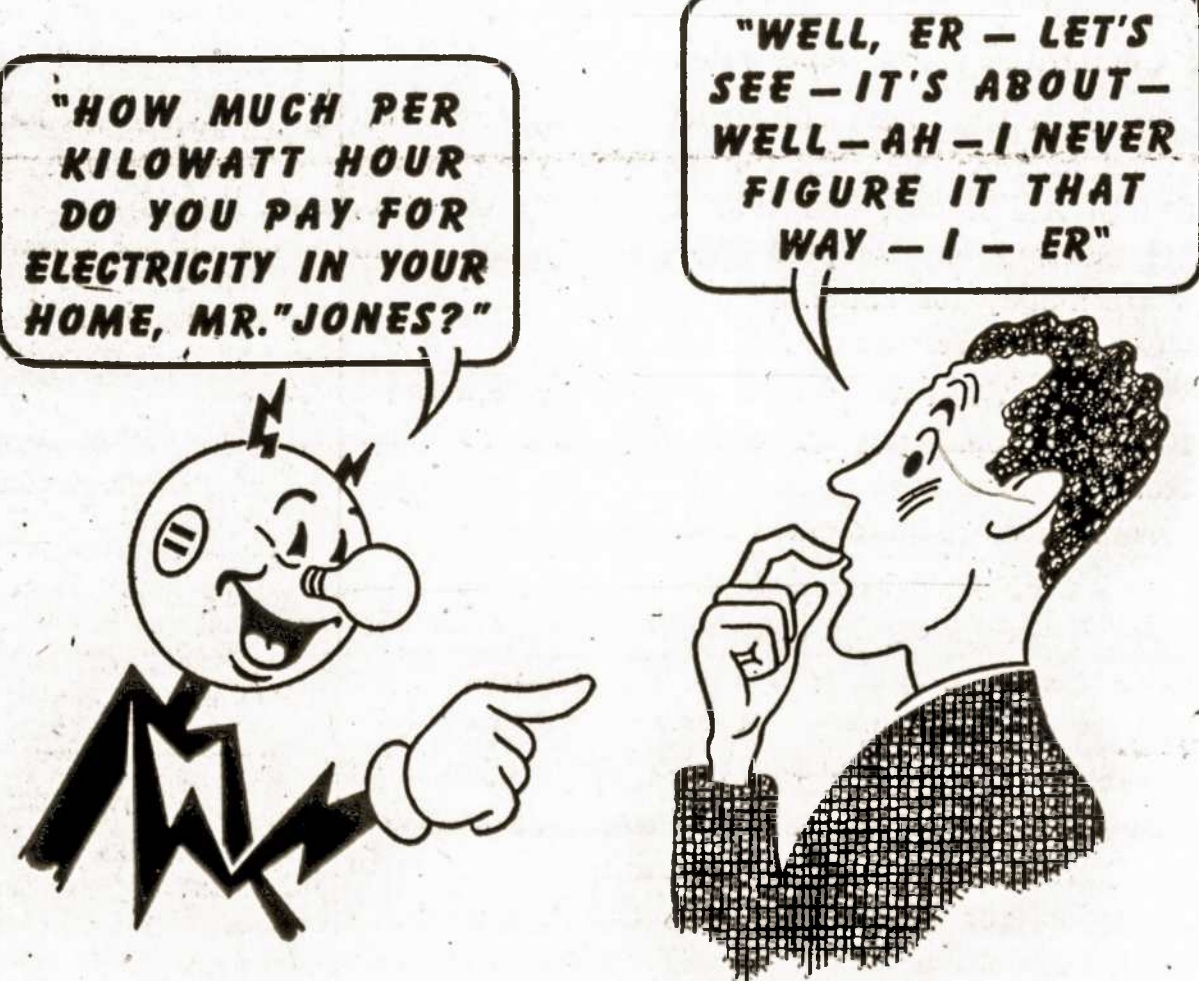
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## TOWN MEETING MONDAY, FEB. 5th

### Back From Overseas

Pvt. Edward P. Tie, son of Mrs. Eleanor Webster of this town, has been home on a 21-day leave. For the past four years he has been on duty in the Asiatic Pacific theater of operations with the antiaircraft artillery and is now at Lake Placid, N. Y., awaiting reassignment. He entered the service in January, 1941. He has a brother, Frank, now in the Philippines with the Army Air Corps, emergency rescue squadron, and has seen service in New Guinea and the East Indies. Another brother, Casimier, is seaman first class in the Navy but now at a hospital in the Pacific area because of illness.

### Forsaitth Boys Home

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Forsaitth of Birnam Road greeted their two sons, who are in the service, at their home while both enjoyed a furlough. Bkr 3c Matthew Forsaitth, who has been receiving treatment at hospitals since he was injured when the ship he was on, was sunk at La Havre, France, will continue treatment at St. Albans Hospital on Long Island. Lieut. Ralph Forsaitth is in the air corps and is stationed at Langley after completing bombing missions and service in the European theater of war. It was the first time in four years the brothers have met.

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# The Town Warrant

(Paid for insertion by friends whose names will be given next week)

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen for one year; one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one Library Trustee for one year to fill vacancy, one School Committee member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms. The polls may close at FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945.

Article 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$50 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$50.

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$150.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,971.56.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$100.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend the following appropriations:

Schools	\$40,500	Bonds and Damages	\$400
Treasurer	600	Fire Department	1,700
Treasurer's Expenses %	100	Maintenance Water Holes	125
Bridges	500	Dept. Public Welfare	5,000
Soldiers' Relief	1,200	Aid to Dependent	
Alexander Hall	150	Children	3,500
Inspection of Animals	100	Town Clerk	250
Selectmen's Salary	600	Town Clerk's Expense %	40
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Road Machinery Fund	1,800	Fire and Casualty	1,200
(Transfer from Machinery Acct.)		Sealer	150
Old Age Assistance	19,000	Accountant's Salary	600
Public Welfare Clerk	150	Accountant's Expense %	35
School Committee Salary	150	Assessors	600
Inspection of Meat and		Assessor's Expense %	75
Slaughtering	200	Town Hall Care	1,600
Public Health	250	Interest Account	500
Moderator and Counsel	250	Town Clock and Fountain	120
Town Reports	300	Snow Removal	4,000

Article 9. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400 and \$100 expense %.

Article 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for care and maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, which amount includes the Dog Tax, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$2,500.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$825.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of a Community Nurse, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,910 and expense % \$50.

Article 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay note due on the new Grade School building debt or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$4,500.

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$600.

Article 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$4,063 and balance from available funds.

Article 17. To see if the town will empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town, or act thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to cooperate with the State and County in maintaining our Chapter 90 roads, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$500.

Article 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$125.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to elect or appoint a Park Commissioner to have charge of the athletic fields and playgrounds in the town, to serve one year without pay, and to see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Athletic Field.

The Finance Committee recommend \$175.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to grade and improve land around the Town Hall and build a parking lot in the rear of the Town Hall on land owned by the town, raise and appropriate a sum of money for this purpose, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.

Article 22. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and that the salary be \$300, in accordance with Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws and raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommend \$300.

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend \$200.

Article 24. To see what action the town will take in regard to the worthless real estate mortgage deed as a \$1,000.00 investment of the Belcher Center Cemetery Fund, and raise and appropriate any money or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1,000.

Article 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Hydrant Service for 15 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400.

Article 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$1,900 from overlay fund.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to take care of the drainage of water on Warwick Ave., between St. Mary's St. and Birnam Road, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$400.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of \$150.00, the same to be added by the Assessors to Estimated Receipts and Available Funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$50.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to drain a part or whole of the road between the Railroad track and Ernest Whitney's, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend \$500 to start the work.

Article 31. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for defense purposes in connection with the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, or act thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Ration Board Maintenance.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 from surplus revenue to reduce the tax rate.

## Northfield School Items

The speaker in Russell Sage Chapel at the Northfield School for Girls on Sunday, February 4, will be Dr. S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College and there will be a Communion Service at 5 P. M. The Reverend Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., chaplain at the Northfield School for Girls, will preach at 10.30 A. M. in Memorial Chapel, Mount Hermon, on that day. There will be a Musical Vespers Service at 5:30 o'clock.

On Thursday, February 1, the annual Time Current Affairs Contest took place at Mount Hermon under the auspices of the History Department. All seniors and juniors participated.

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools will speak at a Vespers Service at 3 P. M. on February 4 for the Worcester Northfield Club, at the First Baptist Church, Worcester.

## Form County Gideons

That well-known Christian Commercial Men's Association of America, which distributes Bibles in hotels, public institutions and to individuals as well as to men in the services, have organized a County Gideon Association and at a meeting held at the Weldon Hotel in Greenfield a few days ago completed all plans. Gordon C. Buffum of this town was elected vice-president in recognition of his interest in the work for several years past. The Gideons were organized in 1899 and have placed two and a quarter million of Bibles. Since the war began in cooperation with Washington they have placed in the hands of the armed forces more than eight million copies of a special edition of the New Testament and Psalms.

## In Airplane Crash

Early in January Lieut. Robert L. De Veer, brother of Mrs. F. H. Briestmaster, was injured in the crash of his airplane during a night landing maneuvers in the New England area. He has been for several weeks at the Chelsea Naval Hospital, Boston, but soon will be moved to the Naval Hospital in New York where he will remain until completely recovered.

Lieut. de Veer, a veteran of nine months of combat flying in the Pacific last year, and winner of the D. F. C., returned to this country last May and has been on active duty in the East since then. His wife and young son have been living at Fairmonth, but are now at Yonkers, N. Y.

## Town Topics

Rev. and Mrs. H. Stanley Carne of Elizabethtown, N. Y., were recent visitors in town. They were accompanied by their son, Lieut. Lloyd Carne, who has just returned from service in India.

George W. Carr represents the Franklin County Farm Bureau in its campaign for membership now being conducted.

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, was the preacher in Thompson Memorial Chapel at Williams College Sunday evening, January 28.

Rev. Edward Fairbank, who spent 50 years in India and came to this town to make his home in 1937, gave a most entertaining and educational talk on India at the recent regular meeting of the Grange.

Rastus and Sambo were on a transport going overseas.

"Just look at all that water," exclaimed Rastus, looking out across the ocean.

"You ain't seen nothing," replied Sambo. "That's just the top of it."

The reason some people think that Mr. Roosevelt is a greater man than Washington is because George only threw one dollar across the Potomac, but Franklin has thrown a hundred billion dollars around the world. Of course, the chances are that George threw his own dollar.